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The next meeting of the South Coast Orchid Club will be on Tuesday, 11th August, at 8.00 p.m. at the Morphett Vale R.S.L. Hall, and will be one with variety. The meeting will start with a

SLIDE PROGRAMME, featuring Les Poole's trip to New Guinea, last year (1969)

This will be followed by a **potting demonstration by Wesley Harris**. After Wesley's contribution, **Les Pool and Ted Work** will make themselves available for an 'Orchid Talk'. You are invited to ask any questions regarding orchids, and Les and Ted will answer to the best of their knowledge—and they had time to study their subjects, believe me! Ted Work has been an active orchid hobbyist since 1958, and Les Poole since 1965. Since both gentlemen are of the 'Australian' species, variety 'Adelaide', we can safely expect them to be up to date with local conditions. This 'Orchid Talk' is intended to take place while we all enjoy our cups of hot tea (in front of the heaters?).

Our Opportunity Table will again be held next meeting, and although the profits, which are going towards our 'loudspeaker system' are accumulating very slowly, there is hope that we will eventually get it, even if we have to borrow moneys 'out of the till' in the meantime.

I am sure you will all agree with me that our **Winter Show** was a success, although we had no 'outside visitors' as expected. We did have an attendance of 49 members who braved this exceptionally cold night, and I am sure they do not regret having been there. I understand the 'spraymaking' demonstration by Ellie Shaw and Mollie Hunt was also very much appreciated!

The following is a list of the plants 'which made it' – this time not judged in their classes (Intermediate or Novice) but as a Club Composite: **Grand Champion and Best Miscellaneous**—Dendrobium Phal. Maui Beauty—Wes Harris; **Best Cymbidium**—Unnamed Green—Geoff Adams; **Best Miniature Cymbidium**—Pumilum x Firewheel—Jack & Anna Hofner; **Best Cattleya**—Laelia-Cattleya Queen Mary—Wes Harris; **Best Paphiopedilum**—Maudiae Magnificum—Merv Dunn; **Best Species Orchid**—Doritis *pulcherrima*—Nicky Zurcher; **Best Indoor Plant**—Pothos—Mrs Ellie Shaw. Congratulations to you all!

On 17th, 18th and 19th September our **Spring Festival Exhibit** will be displayed at the Reynella Shopping Centre, and further details will be discussed at the next meeting.

The judges officiating at our Winter Show were Neil Christoph (a Past President of the Orchid Club of South Australia) and Trevor Jacobs – both gentlemen qualified Orchid Judges of long standing. A special vote of thanks goes to them for a difficult task undertaken, and very much appreciated. Thanks again Neil and Trevor.

Hoping to see every one of you again at the next meeting,

Your Editor.

CULTURAL NOTES

by Wesley Harris

AUGUST – Provide supports for *Cymbidium* spikes, but get to know flowering habits of individual plants; allow those of drooping habit to display their elegance. Give spikes room to develop and, if necessary, tie leaves loosely out of the way. Avoid rotating pots from the time buds emerge from sheaths until they are in full bloom to encourage perfect presentation—individual flowers might need careful manipulation, e.g., spacing and rotating. Pedicels (stems) are brittle.

The recommended time for *Cattleyas* to be repotted is when new roots are starting to show on leading growths. If this is happening and IF sufficient artificial heat is available to keep them comfortably warm, then it is the safest time for repotting—root damage can then be completely avoided, given care.

Paphiopedilums should be examined carefully and those plants which finished flowering several weeks ago may be making new roots; when this is happening, these plants may be repotted. I suggest adding a very light 'peppering' of blood and bone to the damp compost.

Miltonias should be continuously moist at their roots, otherwise the flower spikes will be short. Warm, *Cattleya* conditions, are acceptable for this month. Flowering *Calanthes* need a drier and slightly cooler atmosphere to prevent spotting of blooms.